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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **SWINE INFLUENZA – UPDATE #4**

In follow-up to my report of April 26, 2009, this is to provide you with an update on swine influenza.

Disease Summary

As of today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting 40 cases of swine influenza in the U.S. in 5 states: California (7), Texas (2), Kansas (2), Ohio (1), and New York (28). The illness continues to be characterized as mild, and no deaths have been reported among these cases.

There is no additional information than previously reported regarding the characteristics of Mexican flu cases. The CDC has indicates that cases have also been reported in Canada.

No cases have been identified in Los Angeles County although it is reasonable to expect cases will be identified in the near future as a result of increased surveillance. As a part of our increased surveillance we are investigating a cluster of influenza-like-illness in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Federal and State Response

As mentioned in yesterday's update, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano declared a federal Public Health Emergency as a precautionary step that allows the federal and state governments easier access to federal resources. The federal government is making available to states 25 percent of antivirals and other response materials in Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

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The CDC issued a revised travel guidance recommending the U.S. travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Mexico.

Daily CDC and CDPH daily conference calls continue. DPH participates in both calls.

DPH Response

Today DPH held a joint press briefing with representatives from the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency, Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles County Office of Education, and Los Angeles World Airports to provide updates on the swine influenza situation in Los Angeles County.

As previously reported, DPH is taking actions to increase surveillance activities and distribute educational materials reinforcing respiratory hygiene to schools and community partners. Updated information is posted on the DPH website: <http://ph.lacounty.gov>

With respect to SNS resources and antivirals, DPH continues to work to acquire emergency warehouse space for storage of material.

DPH emergency operations have been activated and are actively monitoring the situation closely 24/7.

We will keep you apprised as warranted. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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